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**Table I-1**

Weights and Mass Densities

Material	Weight Density $\gamma$	Mass Density $\rho$
	kN/m <sup>3</sup>	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Aluminum alloys	26–28	2600–2800
2014-T6, 7075-T6	28	2800
6061-T6	26	2700
Brass	82–85	8400–8600
Bronze	80–86	8200–8800
Cast iron	68–72	7000–7400
Concrete		
Plain	23	2300
Reinforced	24	2400
Lightweight	11–18	1100–1800
Copper	87	8900
Glass	24–28	2400–2800
Magnesium alloys	17–18	1760–1830
Monel (67% Ni, 30% Cu)	87	8800
Nickel	87	8800
Plastics		
Nylon	8.6–11	880–1100
Polyethylene	9.4–14	960–1400
Rock		
Granite, marble, quartz	26–28	2600–2900
Limestone, sandstone	20–28	2000–2900
Rubber	9–13	960–1300
Sand, soil, gravel	12–21	1200–2200
Steel	77.0	7850
Titanium	44	4500
Tungsten	190	1900
Water, fresh	9.81	1000
sea	10.0	1020
Wood (air dry)		
Douglas fir	4.7–5.5	480–560
Oak	6.3–7.1	640–720
Southern pine	5.5–6.3	560–640

**Table I-2**

Moduli of Elasticity and Poisson's Ratios

Material	Modulus of Elasticity $E$	Shear Modulus of Elasticity $G$	Poisson's Ratio $\nu$
	GPa	GPa	
Aluminum alloys	70–79	26–30	0.33
2014-T6	73	28	0.33
6061-T6	70	26	0.33
7075-T6	72	27	0.33
Brass	96–110	36–41	0.34
Bronze	96–120	36–44	0.34
Cast iron	83–170	32–69	0.2–0.3
Concrete (compression)	17–31		0.1–0.2
Copper and copper alloys	110–120	40–47	0.33–0.36
Glass	48–83	19–35	0.17–0.27
Magnesium alloys	41–45	15–17	0.35
Monel (67% Ni, 30% Cu)	170	66	0.32
Nickel	210	80	0.31
Plastics			
Nylon	2.1–3.4		0.4
Polyethylene	0.7–1.4		0.4
Rock (compression)			
Granite, marble, quartz	40–100		0.2–0.3
Limestone, sandstone	20–70		0.2–0.3
Rubber	0.0007–0.004	0.0002–0.001	0.45–0.50
Steel	190–210	75–80	0.27–0.30
Titanium alloys	100–120	39–44	0.33
Tungsten	340–380	140–160	0.2
Wood (bending)			
Douglas fir	11–13		
Oak	11–12		
Southern pine	11–14		





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Dr. Goodno is an active cyclist, retired soccer coach and referee, and a retired marathon runner. Like co-author and mentor James Gere, he has completed numerous marathons including qualifying for and running the Boston Marathon in 1987.

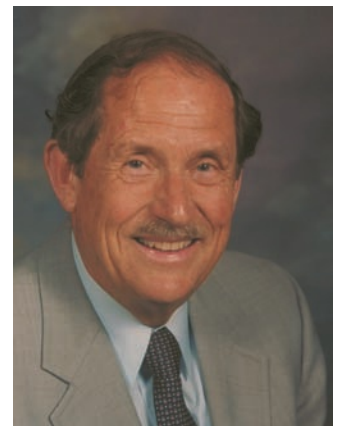


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## James M. Gere

James M. Gere (1925-2008) earned his undergraduate and master's degree in Civil Engineering from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1949 and 1951, respectively. He worked as an instructor and later as a Research Associate for Rensselaer. He was awarded one of the first NSF Fellowships, and chose to study at Stanford. He received his Ph.D. in 1954 and was offered a faculty position in Civil Engineering, beginning a 34-year career of engaging his students in challenging topics in mechanics, and structural and earthquake engineering. He served as Department Chair and Associate Dean of Engineering and in 1974 co-founded the John A. Blume Earthquake Engineering Center at Stanford. In 1980, Jim Gere also became the founding head of the Stanford Committee on Earthquake Preparedness. That same year, he was invited as one of the first foreigners to study the earthquake-devastated city of Tangshan, China. Jim retired from Stanford in 1988 but continued to be an active and most valuable member of the Stanford community.



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Jim Gere was known for his outgoing manner, his cheerful personality and wonderful smile, his athleticism, and his skill as an educator in Civil Engineering. He authored nine textbooks on various engineering subjects starting in 1972 with *Mechanics of Materials*, a text that was inspired by his teacher and mentor Stephan P. Timoshenko. His other well-known textbooks, used in engineering courses around the world, include: *Theory of Elastic Stability*, co-authored with S. Timoshenko; *Matrix Analysis of Framed Structures* and *Matrix Algebra for Engineers*, both co-authored with W. Weaver; *Moment Distribution*; *Earthquake Tables: Structural and Construction Design Manual*, co-authored with H. Krawinkler; and *Terra Non Firma: Understanding and Preparing for Earthquakes*, co-authored with H. Shah.

In 1986 he hiked to the base camp of Mount Everest, saving the life of a companion on the trip. James was an active runner and completed the Boston Marathon at age 48, in a time of 3:13. James Gere will be long remembered by all who knew him as a considerate and loving man whose upbeat good humor made aspects of daily life or work easier to bear.

Mechanics of Materials is a basic engineering subject that, along with statics, must be understood by anyone concerned with the strength and physical performance of structures, whether those structures are man-made or natural. At the college level, statics is usually taught during the sophomore or junior year and is a prerequisite for the follow-on course in Mechanics of Materials. Both courses are required for most students majoring in mechanical, structural, civil, biomedical, petroleum, nuclear, aeronautical, and aerospace engineering. In addition, many students from such diverse fields as materials science, industrial engineering, architecture, and agricultural engineering also find it useful to study mechanics of materials.

## Mechanics of Materials

In many university engineering programs today, both statics and mechanics of materials are taught in large sections of students from the many engineering disciplines. Instructors for the various parallel sections must cover the same material, and all of the major topics must be presented so that students are well prepared for the more advanced courses required by their specific degree programs. An essential prerequisite for success in a first course in mechanics of materials is a strong foundation in statics, which includes not only understanding fundamental concepts but also proficiency in applying the laws of static equilibrium to solutions of both two- and three-dimensional problems. This ninth edition begins with an updated section on statics in which the laws of equilibrium and an expanded list of boundary (or support) conditions are reviewed, as well as types of applied forces and internal stress resultants, all based upon and derived from a properly drawn free-body diagram. Numerous examples and end-of-chapter problems are included to help students review the analysis of plane and space trusses, shafts in torsion, beams and plane and space frames, and to reinforce basic concepts learned in the prerequisite course.

Many instructors like to present the basic theory of say, beam bending, and then use real world examples to motivate student interest in the subject of beam flexure, beam design, etc. In many cases, structures on campus offer easy access to beams, frames, and bolted connections that can be dissected in lecture or in homework problems, to find reactions at supports, forces and moments in members and stresses in connections. In addition, study of causes of failures in structures and components also offers the opportunity for students to begin the process of learning from actual designs and past engineering mistakes. A number of the new example problems and also the new and revised end-of-chapter problems in this ninth edition are based upon actual components or structures and are accompanied by photographs so that the student can see the real world problem alongside the simplified mechanics model and free-body diagrams used in its analysis.

An increasing number of universities are using rich media lecture (and/or classroom) capture software (such as Panopto and Tegrity) in their large undergraduate courses in mathematics, physics, and engineering. The *many new photos and enhanced graphics* in the ninth edition are designed to support this enhanced lecture mode.

## Key Features

The main topics covered in this book are the analysis and design of structural members subjected to tension, compression, torsion, and bending, including the fundamental concepts mentioned above. Other important topics are the transformations of stress and strain, combined loadings and combined stress, deflections of beams, and stability of columns. Some additional specialized topics include the following: stress concentrations, dynamic and impact loadings, non-prismatic members, shear centers, bending of beams of two materials (or composite beams), bending of unsymmetric beams, maximum stresses in beams, energy based approaches for computing deflections of beams, and statically indeterminate beams.

Each chapter begins with a **Chapter Overview** highlighting the major topics covered in that chapter and closes with a **Chapter Summary and Review** in which the key points as well as major mathematical formulas in the chapter are listed for quick review. Each chapter also opens with a photograph of a component or structure that illustrates the key concepts discussed in the chapter.

## New Features

Some of the notable features of this ninth edition, which have been added as new or updated material to meet the needs of a modern course in mechanics of materials, are:

- **Problem-Solving Approach**—All examples in the text are presented in a new *Four-Step Problem-Solving Approach* which is patterned after that presented by R. Serway and J. Jewett in *Principles of Physics, 5e*, Cengage Learning, 2013. This new structured format helps students refine their problem-solving skills and improve their understanding of the main concepts illustrated in the example.
- **Statics Review**—The *Statics Review* section has been enhanced in Chapter 1. Section 1.2 includes four new example problems which illustrate calculation of support reactions and internal stress resultants for truss, beam, circular shaft and plane frame structures. Thirty-four end-of-chapter problems on statics provide students with two- and three-dimensional structures to be used as practice, review, and homework assignment problems of varying difficulty.
- **Expanded Chapter Overview and Chapter Summary and Review sections**—The *Chapter Overview* and *Chapter Summary* sections have been expanded to include *key equations* and *figures* presented in each chapter. These summary sections serve as a convenient review for students of key topics and equations presented in each chapter.
- **Continued emphasis on underlying fundamental concepts** such as equilibrium, constitutive, and strain-displacement/compatibility equations in problem solutions. Example problem and end-of-chapter problem solutions have been updated to emphasize an orderly process of explicitly writing out the equilibrium, constitutive and strain-displacement/compatibility equations before attempting a solution.

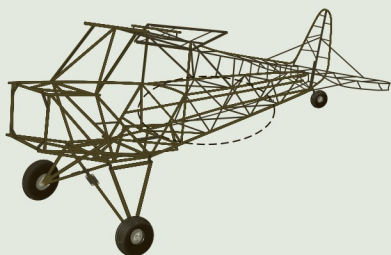
- **Expanded topic coverage**—The following topics have been updated or have received expanded coverage: stress concentrations in axially loaded bars (Sec. 2.10); torsion of noncircular shafts (Sec. 3.10); stress concentrations in bending (Sec. 5.13); transformed section analysis for composite beams (Sec. 6.3); and generalized flexure formula for unsymmetric beams (Sec. 6.5).
- **Many new example and end-of-chapter problems**—More than forty new example problems have been added to the ninth edition. In addition, there are more than 400 new and revised end-of-chapter problems out of the 1440 problems presented in the ninth edition text. The end-of-chapter problems are now grouped as **Introductory** or **Representative** and are arranged in order of increasing difficulty.
- **Centroids and Moments of Inertia review** has moved to Appendix D to free up space for more examples and problems in earlier chapters.

## Importance of Example Problems

- Examples are presented throughout the book to illustrate the theoretical concepts and show how those concepts may be used in practical situations. All examples are presented in the **Four-Step Problem-Solving Approach** format so that the basic concepts as well as the key steps in setting up and solving each problem are clearly understood. New photographs have been added showing actual engineering structures or components to reinforce the tie between theory and application. Each example begins with a clear statement of the problem and then presents a simplified analytical model and the associated free-body diagrams to aid students in understanding and applying the relevant theory in engineering analysis of the system. In most cases, the examples are worked out in symbolic terms so as to better illustrate the ideas, and then numeric values of key parameters are substituted in the final part of the analysis step. In selected examples throughout the text, graphical display of results (e.g., stresses in beams) has been added to enhance the student's understanding of the problem results.

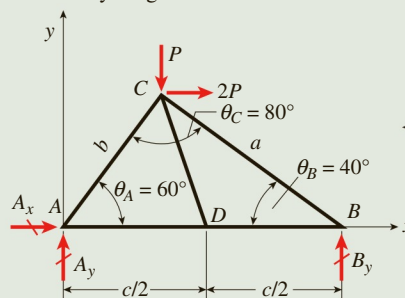
### Example 1-1

**FIGURE 1-6**



**FIGURE 1-7**

Free-body diagram of truss model



In many cases, the problem involves the analysis of a real physical structure, such as this truss structure (Fig. 1-6) representing part of the fuselage of a model airplane. Begin by sketching the portion of the structure of interest showing members, supports, dimensions and loadings. This **Conceptualization** step in the analysis often leads to a free-body diagram (Fig. 1-7).

The next step is to simplify the problem, list known data and identify all unknowns, and make necessary assumptions to create a suitable model for analysis. This is the **Categorize** step.

Write the governing equations, then use appropriate mathematical and computational techniques to solve the equations and obtain results, either in the form of mathematical formulas or numerical values. The **Analysis** step leads to support reaction and member forces in the truss.

List the major steps in your analysis procedure so that it is easy to review or check at a later time.

**Solution:**

The solution involves the following steps:

1. **Conceptualize** [*hypothesize, sketch*]: First sketch a free-body diagram of the entire truss model (Figure 1-7). Only known applied forces at *C* and unknown reaction forces at *A* and *B* are shown and then used in an equilibrium analysis to find the reactions.
2. **Categorize** [*simplify, classify*]: Overall equilibrium requires that the force components in *x* and *y* directions and the moment about the *z* axis must sum to zero; this leads to reaction force components  $A_x$ ,  $A_y$ , and  $B_y$ . The truss is statically determinate (*unknowns*:  $m + r = 5 + 3 = 8$ , *knowns*:  $2j = 8$ ) so all member forces can be obtained using the *method of joints*. . . .
3. **Analyze** [*evaluate; select relevant equations, carry out mathematical solution*]: First find the lengths of members *AC* and *BC*, which are needed to compute distances to lines of action of forces.

**Law of sines to find member lengths *a* and *b*:** Use known angles  $\theta_A$ ,  $\theta_B$ , and  $\theta_C$  and  $c = 3$  m to find lengths *a* and *b*:

$$b = c \frac{\sin(\theta_B)}{\sin(\theta_C)} = (3 \text{ m}) \frac{\sin(40^\circ)}{\sin(80^\circ)} = 1.958 \text{ m},$$

$$a = c \frac{\sin(\theta_A)}{\sin(\theta_C)} = (3 \text{ m}) \frac{\sin(60^\circ)}{\sin(80^\circ)} = 2.638 \text{ m}$$

Check that computed lengths *a* and *b* give length *c* by using the law of cosines:

$$c = \sqrt{(1.958 \text{ m})^2 + (2.638 \text{ m})^2 - 2(1.958 \text{ m})(2.638 \text{ m})\cos(80^\circ)} = 3 \text{ m}$$

4. **Finalize** [*conclude; examine answer—does it make sense? Are units correct? How does it compare to similar problem solutions?*]: There are  $2j = 8$  equilibrium equations for the simple plane truss considered above and, using the *method of joints*, these are obtained by applying  $\Sigma F_x = 0$  and  $\Sigma F_y = 0$  at each joint in succession. A computer solution of these simultaneous equations leads to the three reaction forces and five member forces. The *method of sections* is an efficient way to find selected member forces.

List the major steps in the **Finalize** step, review the solution to make sure that it is presented in a clear fashion so that it can be easily reviewed and checked by others. Are the expressions and numerical values obtained reasonable? Do they agree with your initial expectations?



## Problems

In all mechanics courses, solving problems is an important part of the learning process. This textbook offers more than 1440 problems, many with multiple parts, for homework assignments and classroom discussions. The problems are placed at the end of each chapter so that they are easy to find and don't break up the presentation of the main subject matter. Also, problems are generally arranged in order of increasing difficulty, thus alerting students to the time necessary for solution. Answers to all problems are listed near the back of the book.

Considerable effort has been spent in checking and proofreading the text so as to eliminate errors. If you happen to find one, no matter how trivial, please notify me by e-mail ([bgoodno@ce.gatech.edu](mailto:bgoodno@ce.gatech.edu)). We will correct any errors in the next printing of the book.

## Units

The International System of Units (SI) is used in all examples and problems. Tables containing properties of structural-steel shapes in SI units may be found in Appendix F so that solution of beam analysis and design examples and end-of-chapter problems can be carried out in SI units.

## Supplements

### Instructor Resources

An **Instructor's Solutions Manual** is available online on the Instructor's Resource Center for the book and includes solutions to all problems from this edition with Mathcad solutions available for some problems. The Manual includes rotated stress elements for problems as well as an increased number of free body diagrams. The Solutions Manual is accessible to instructors on <http://login.cengage.com>. The Instructor Resource Center also contains a full set of **Lecture Note PowerPoints**.

### Student Resources

**FE Exam Review Problems** has been updated and now appears online. This supplement contains 106 FE-type review problems and solutions, which cover all of the major topics presented in the text and are representative of those likely to appear on an FE exam. Each of the problems is presented in the FE Exam format and is intended to serve as a useful guide to the student in preparing for this important examination.

Many students take the *Fundamentals of Engineering Examination* upon graduation, the first step on their path to registration as a Professional Engineer. Most of these problems are in SI units which is the system of units used on the FE Exam itself, and require use of an engineering calculator to carry out the solution. The student must select from four available answers, only one of which is the correct answer. Go to <http://www.cengagebrain.com> to find the FE Exam Review Problems and the resources below, which are available on the student website for this book:

- [Answers to the FE Exam Review Problems](#)
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(a) Obtain a formula for the elongation of the spring due to the weight of the arm.

$\delta = 3$  ❌

(b) Repeat part (a)

$\delta = 4$  ✅

Partially Correct

Try Another

Incorrect

(a) Wrong

<b>Solution</b>	
Take first moments about A to find c.g.	$x = \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}b\right)W\left(\frac{3}{4}b\right) + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)W\left(\frac{3}{2}b\right)}{W}$
	$x = \frac{15}{16}b$
Find force in spring due to weight of arm	$\sum M_A = 0$ $F_k = \frac{W\left(\frac{15}{16}b\right)}{b} = \frac{15}{16}W$
Find elongation of spring due to weight of arm	$\delta = \frac{F_k}{k} = \frac{15W}{16k}$



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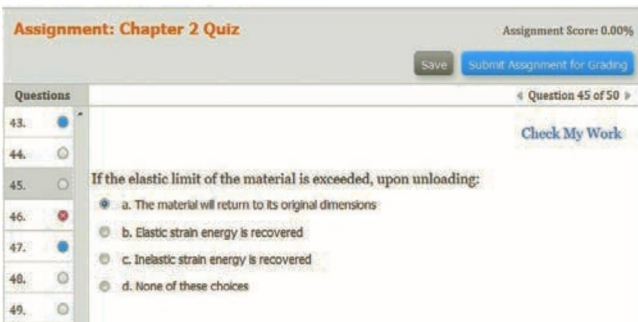
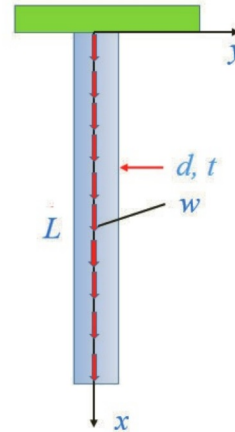
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## Draw the loads

The load in this problem is the self-weight of the pipe. The drill pipe is **prismatic** so the self-weight is a uniformly distributed **axial load** of constant intensity  $w$  acting along the pipe

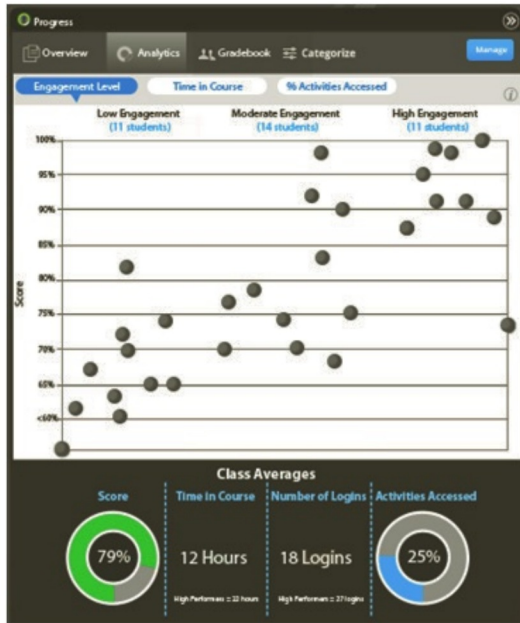
An **axial load** is a load directed along the axis of the member, resulting in either tension or compression in the bar.

A **prismatic bar** is a straight structural member having the same cross section throughout its length.



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# SYMBOLS

$A$	area
$A_f, A_w$	area of flange; area of web
$a, b, c$	dimensions, distances
$C$	centroid, compressive force, constant of integration
$c$	distance from neutral axis to outer surface of a beam
$D$	diameter
$d$	diameter, dimension, distance
$E$	modulus of elasticity
$E_r, E_t$	reduced modulus of elasticity; tangent modulus of elasticity
$e$	eccentricity, dimension, distance, unit volume change (dilatation)
$F$	force
$f$	shear flow, shape factor for plastic bending, flexibility, frequency (Hz)
$f_T$	torsional flexibility of a bar
$G$	modulus of elasticity in shear
$g$	acceleration of gravity
$H$	height, distance, horizontal force or reaction, horsepower
$h$	height, dimensions
$I$	moment of inertia (or second moment) of a plane area
$I_x, I_y, I_z$	moments of inertia with respect to $x$ , $y$ , and $z$ axes
$I_{x_1}, I_{y_1}$	moments of inertia with respect to $x_1$ and $y_1$ axes (rotated axes)
$I_{xy}$	product of inertia with respect to $xy$ axes
$I_{x_1y_1}$	product of inertia with respect to $x_1y_1$ axes (rotated axes)
$I_p$	polar moment of inertia
$I_1, I_2$	principal moments of inertia
$J$	torsion constant
$K$	stress-concentration factor, bulk modulus of elasticity, effective length factor for a column
$k$	spring constant, stiffness, symbol for $\sqrt{P/EI}$
$k_T$	torsional stiffness of a bar
$L$	length, distance
$L_E$	effective length of a column
ln, log	natural logarithm (base e); common logarithm (base 10)
$M$	bending moment, couple, mass
$M_p, M_Y$	plastic moment for a beam; yield moment for a beam
$m$	moment per unit length, mass per unit length
$N$	axial force



$n$	factor of safety, integer, revolutions per minute (rpm)
$O$	origin of coordinates
$O'$	center of curvature
$P$	force, concentrated load, power
$P_{\text{allow}}$	allowable load (or working load)
$P_{\text{cr}}$	critical load for a column
$P_p$	plastic load for a structure
$P_r, P_t$	reduced-modulus load for a column; tangent-modulus load for a column
$P_Y$	yield load for a structure
$p$	pressure (force per unit area)
$Q$	force, concentrated load, first moment of a plane area
$q$	intensity of distributed load (force per unit distance)
$R$	reaction, radius
$r$	radius, radius of gyration ( $r = \sqrt{I/A}$ )
$S$	section modulus of the cross section of a beam, shear center
$s$	distance, distance along a curve
$T$	tensile force, twisting couple or torque, temperature
$T_p, T_Y$	plastic torque; yield torque
$t$	thickness, time, intensity of torque (torque per unit distance)
$t_f, t_w$	thickness of flange; thickness of web
$U$	strain energy
$u$	strain-energy density (strain energy per unit volume)
$u_r, u_t$	modulus of resistance; modulus of toughness
$V$	shear force, volume, vertical force or reaction
$v$	deflection of a beam, velocity
$v', v'', \text{ etc.}$	$dv/dx, d^2v/dx^2, \text{ etc.}$
$W$	force, weight, work
$w$	load per unit of area (force per unit area)
$x, y, z$	rectangular axes (origin at point $O$ )
$x_c, y_c, z_c$	rectangular axes (origin at centroid $C$ )
$\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$	coordinates of centroid
$Z$	plastic modulus of the cross section of a beam
$\alpha$	angle, coefficient of thermal expansion, nondimensional ratio
$\beta$	angle, nondimensional ratio, spring constant, stiffness
$\beta_R$	rotational stiffness of a spring
$\gamma$	shear strain, weight density (weight per unit volume)
$\gamma_{xy}, \gamma_{yz}, \gamma_{zx}$	shear strains in $xy, yz, \text{ and } zx$ planes
$\gamma_{x_1y_1}$	shear strain with respect to $x_1y_1$ axes (rotated axes)
$\gamma_\theta$	shear strain for inclined axes
$\delta$	deflection of a beam, displacement, elongation of a bar or spring

$\Delta T$	temperature differential
$\delta_p, \delta_Y$	plastic displacement; yield displacement
$\varepsilon$	normal strain
$\varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y, \varepsilon_z$	normal strains in $x$ , $y$ , and $z$ directions
$\varepsilon_{x_1}, \varepsilon_{y_1}$	normal strains in $x_1$ and $y_1$ directions (rotated axes)
$\varepsilon_\theta$	normal strain for inclined axes
$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3$	principal normal strains
$\varepsilon'$	lateral strain in uniaxial stress
$\varepsilon_T$	thermal strain
$\varepsilon_Y$	yield strain
$\theta$	angle, angle of rotation of beam axis, rate of twist of a bar in torsion (angle of twist per unit length)
$\theta_p$	angle to a principal plane or to a principal axis
$\theta_s$	angle to a plane of maximum shear stress
$\kappa$	curvature ( $\kappa = 1/\rho$ )
$\lambda$	distance, curvature shortening
$\nu$	Poisson's ratio
$\rho$	radius, radius of curvature ( $\rho = 1/\kappa$ ), radial distance in polar coordinates, mass density (mass per unit volume)
$\sigma$	normal stress
$\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$	normal stresses on planes perpendicular to $x$ , $y$ , and $z$ axes
$\sigma_{x_1}, \sigma_{y_1}$	normal stresses on planes perpendicular to $x_1, y_1$ axes (rotated axes)
$\sigma_\theta$	normal stress on an inclined plane
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	principal normal stresses
$\sigma_{\text{allow}}$	allowable stress (or working stress)
$\sigma_{\text{cr}}$	critical stress for a column ( $\sigma_{\text{cr}} = P_{\text{cr}}/A$ )
$\sigma_{\text{pl}}$	proportional-limit stress
$\sigma_r$	residual stress
$\sigma_T$	thermal stress
$\sigma_U, \sigma_Y$	ultimate stress; yield stress
$\tau$	shear stress
$\tau_{xy}, \tau_{yz}, \tau_{zx}$	shear stresses on planes perpendicular to the $x$ , $y$ , and $z$ axes and acting parallel to the $y$ , $z$ , and $x$ axes
$\tau_{x_1y_1}$	shear stress on a plane perpendicular to the $x_1$ axis and acting parallel to the $y_1$ axis (rotated axes)
$\tau_\theta$	shear stress on an inclined plane
$\tau_{\text{allow}}$	allowable stress (or working stress) in shear
$\tau_U, \tau_Y$	ultimate stress in shear; yield stress in shear
$\phi$	angle, angle of twist of a bar in torsion
$\psi$	angle, angle of rotation
$\omega$	angular velocity, angular frequency ( $\omega = 2\pi f$ )

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## GREEK ALPHABET

A	$\alpha$	Alpha	N	$\nu$	Nu
B	$\beta$	Beta	$\Xi$	$\xi$	Xi
$\Gamma$	$\gamma$	Gamma	O	$o$	Omicron
$\Delta$	$\delta$	Delta	$\Pi$	$\pi$	Pi
E	$\varepsilon$	Epsilon	P	$\rho$	Rho
Z	$\zeta$	Zeta	$\Sigma$	$\sigma$	Sigma
H	$\eta$	Eta	T	$\tau$	Tau
$\Theta$	$\theta$	Theta	Y	$\upsilon$	Upsilon
I	$\iota$	Iota	$\Phi$	$\phi$	Phi
K	$\kappa$	Kappa	X	$\chi$	Chi
$\Lambda$	$\lambda$	Lambda	$\Psi$	$\psi$	Psi
M	$\mu$	Mu	$\Omega$	$\omega$	Omega



# Tension, Compression, and Shear



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This telecommunications tower is an assemblage of many members that act primarily in tension or compression.

## Chapter Objectives

- Define *mechanics of materials*, which examines the stresses, strains, and displacements in structures made of various materials acted on by a variety of different loads.
- Study normal stress ( $\sigma$ ) and normal strain ( $\epsilon$ ) in materials used for structural applications.
- Identify key properties of various materials, such as the modulus of elasticity ( $E$ ) and yield ( $\sigma_y$ ) and ultimate ( $\sigma_u$ ) stresses, from plots of stress ( $\sigma$ ) versus strain ( $\epsilon$ ).
- Plot shear stress ( $\tau$ ) versus shear strain ( $\gamma$ ) and identify the shearing modulus of elasticity ( $G$ ).
- Study Hooke's Law for normal stress and strain ( $\sigma = E\epsilon$ ) and also for shear stress and strain ( $\tau = G\gamma$ ).
- Investigate changes in lateral dimensions and volume of a bar, which depend upon Poisson's ratio ( $\nu$ ) for the material of the bar.
- Study normal, shear, and bearing stresses in simple bolted connections between members.
- Use factors of safety to establish allowable values of stresses.
- Introduce basic concepts of design: the iterative process by which the appropriate size of structural members is determined to meet a variety of both strength and stiffness requirements.

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## 1.1 Introduction to Mechanics of Materials

**Mechanics of materials** is a branch of applied mechanics that deals with the behavior of solid bodies subjected to various types of loading. Other names for this field of study are *strength of materials* and *mechanics of deformable bodies*. The solid bodies considered in this book include bars with axial loads, shafts in torsion, beams in bending, and columns in compression.

The principal objective of mechanics of materials is to determine the stresses, strains, and displacements in structures and their components due to the loads acting on them. An understanding of mechanical behavior is essential for the safe design of all types of structures, whether airplanes and antennas, buildings and bridges, machines and motors, or ships and spacecraft. That is why mechanics of materials is a basic subject in so many engineering fields. Most problems in mechanics of materials begin with an examination of the external and internal forces acting on a stable deformable body. First the loads acting on the body are defined, along with its support conditions, then reaction forces at supports and internal forces in its members or elements are determined using the basic laws of static equilibrium (provided that the body is statically determinate).

In mechanics of materials you study the stresses and strains inside real bodies, that is, bodies of finite dimensions that deform under loads. To determine the stresses and strains, use the physical properties of the materials as well as numerous theoretical laws and concepts. Mechanics of materials provides additional essential information, based on the deformations of the body, to solve statically indeterminate problems (not possible using the laws of static equilibrium alone).

Theoretical analyses and experimental results have equally important roles in mechanics of materials. Theories are used to derive formulas and equations for predicting mechanical behavior but these expressions cannot be used in practical design unless the physical properties of the materials are known. Such properties are available only after careful experiments have been carried out in the laboratory. Furthermore, not all practical problems are amenable to theoretical analysis alone, and in such cases physical testing is a necessity.

The historical development of mechanics of materials is a fascinating blend of both theory and experiment—theory has pointed the way to useful results in some instances, and experiment has done so in others. Such famous persons as Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519) and Galileo Galilei (1564–1642) performed experiments to determine the strength of wires, bars, and beams, although they did not develop adequate theories (by today’s standards) to explain their test results. By contrast, the famous mathematician Leonhard Euler (1707–1783) developed the mathematical theory of columns and calculated the critical load of a column in 1744, long before any experimental evidence existed to show the significance of his results. Without appropriate tests to back up his theories, Euler’s results remained unused for over a hundred years, although today they are the basis for the design and analysis of most columns (see Refs. 1-1, 1-2, and 1-3).

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## 1.2 Problem-Solving Approach\*

The study of mechanics divides naturally into two parts: first, *understanding* the general concepts and principles, and second, *applying* those concepts and principles to physical situations. You can gain an understanding of the general

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\*The four step problem-solving approach presented here is patterned after that presented by R. Serway and J. Jewett in *Principles of Physics, 5e, Cengage Learning, 2013*.

concepts by studying the discussions and derivations presented in this book. You can gain skill only by solving problems on your own. Of course, these two aspects of mechanics are closely related, and many experts in mechanics will argue that *you do not really understand the concepts if you cannot apply them*. It is easy to recite the principles, but applying them to real situations requires an in-depth understanding. Problem solving gives meaning to the concepts and also provides an opportunity to gain experience and develop judgment.

A major objective of this text is to assist you in developing a *structured solution process* for problems in statics and mechanics of materials. This process is referred to as a *problem-solving approach* (PSA) and is used in all example problems in the text. The PSA involves the following four steps:

1. **Conceptualize** [*hypothesize, sketch*]: List all relevant data and draw a sketch showing all applied forces, support/boundary conditions, and interactions between adjacent bodies. Development and refinement of the *free-body diagram* is an essential part of this step.
2. **Categorize** [*simplify, classify*]: Identify the unknowns in the problem and make any necessary assumptions to simplify the problem and streamline the solution process.
3. **Analyze** [*evaluate; select relevant equations, carry out mathematical solution*]: Apply appropriate theories, set up the necessary equations for the chosen mathematical model, and then solve for the unknowns.
4. **Finalize** [*conclude; examine answer—Does it make sense? Are units correct? How does it compare to similar problem solutions?*]: Study the answers, compare them to those for similar problems you have solved in the past, and test the robustness of the solution by varying key parameters to see how the results change (perhaps even plot the main result as a function of that parameter to investigate the sensitivity of the answer).

You are encouraged to study the *problem-solving approach* presented in the example problems and then apply it to homework and in-class laboratory problems. This structured systematic approach also will be useful during examinations. See Appendix B.2 for further discussion of the Problem Solving Approach summarized above.

All problems appear at the ends of the chapters, with the problem numbers and subheadings identifying the sections to which they belong.

In this book, final numerical results are usually presented with three significant digits when a number begins with the digits 2 through 9, and with four significant digits when a number begins with the digit 1. Intermediate values are often recorded with additional digits to avoid losing numerical accuracy due to rounding of numbers.

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## 1.3 Statics Review

In your prerequisite course on statics, you studied the *equilibrium* of rigid bodies acted upon by a variety of different forces and supported or restrained in such a way that the body was stable and at rest. As a result, a properly restrained body could not undergo rigid-body motion due to the application of static forces. You drew *free-body diagrams* of the entire body, or of key parts of the body, and then applied the *equations of equilibrium* to find external reaction forces and moments or internal forces and moments at critical points. In this section, the basic static equilibrium equations are reviewed and then applied to the solution of example

structures (both two and three-dimensional) using both scalar and vector operations (both acceleration and velocity of the body are assumed to be zero). Most problems in mechanics of materials require a static analysis as the first step, so all forces acting on the system and causing its deformation are known. Once all external and internal forces of interest have been found, you can proceed with the evaluation of stresses, strains, and deformations of bars, shafts, beams, and columns as described in subsequent chapters.

## Equilibrium Equations

The resultant force  $R$  and resultant moment  $M$  of *all* forces and moments acting on either a rigid or deformable body in equilibrium are both zero. The sum of the moments may be taken about any arbitrary point. The resulting equilibrium equations can be expressed in *vector form* as:

$$R = \Sigma F = 0 \quad (1-1)$$

$$M = \Sigma M = \Sigma(r \times F) = 0 \quad (1-2)$$

where  $F$  is one of a number of vectors of forces acting on the body and  $r$  is a position vector from the point at which moments are taken to a point along the line of application of any force  $F$ . It is often convenient to write the equilibrium equations in *scalar form* using a rectangular Cartesian coordinate system, either in two dimensions ( $x, y$ ) or three dimensions ( $x, y, z$ ) as

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 \quad \Sigma F_y = 0 \quad \Sigma M_z = 0 \quad (1-3)$$

Equation (1-3) can be used for two-dimensional or planar problems, but in three dimensions, three force and three moment equations are required:

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 \quad \Sigma F_y = 0 \quad \Sigma F_z = 0 \quad (1-4)$$

$$\Sigma M_x = 0 \quad \Sigma M_y = 0 \quad \Sigma M_z = 0 \quad (1-5)$$

If the number of unknown forces is equal to the number of independent equilibrium equations, these equations are sufficient to solve for all unknown reaction or internal forces in the body, and the problem is referred to as *statically determinate* (provided that the body is stable). If the body or structure is constrained by additional (or redundant) supports, it is *statically indeterminate*, and a solution is not possible using the laws of static equilibrium alone.

## Applied Forces

External loads applied to a body or structure may be either concentrated or distributed forces or moments. For example, force  $F_B$  (with units of newtons, N) in Fig. 1-1 is a point or concentrated load and is assumed to act at point  $B$  on the body, while moment  $M_A$  is a concentrated moment or couple (with units of N · m) acting at point  $A$ . Distributed forces may act along or normal to a member and may have constant intensity, such as line load  $q_1$  normal to member  $BC$  (Fig. 1-1) or line load  $q_2$  acting in the  $-y$  direction on inclined member  $DF$ ; both  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  have units of force intensity (N/m). Distributed loads also may have a linear (or other) variation with some peak intensity  $q_0$  (as on member  $ED$  in Fig. 1-1). Surface pressures  $p$  (with units of Pa), such as wind acting on a sign (Fig. 1-2), act over a designated



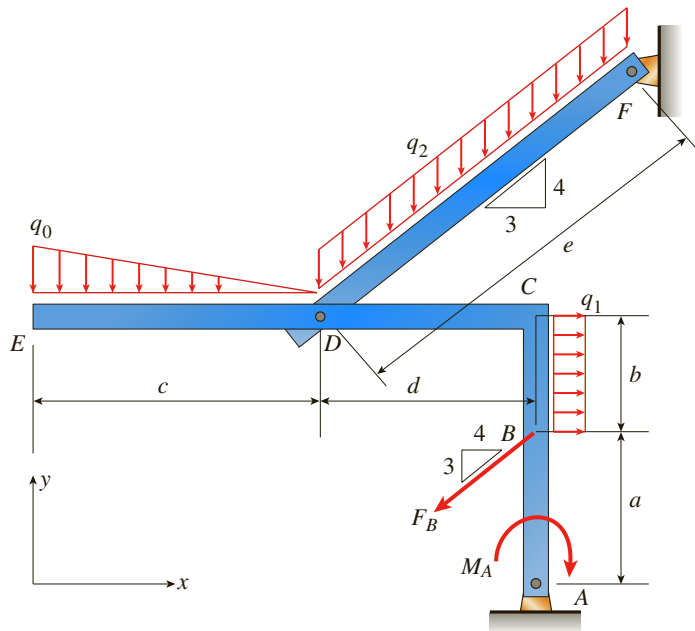


FIGURE 1-1

Plane frame structure

region of a body. Finally, a body force  $w$  (with units of force per unit volume,  $\text{N/m}^3$ ), such as the distributed self-weight of the sign or post in Fig. 1-2, acts throughout the volume of the body and can be replaced by the component weight  $W$  acting at the center of gravity (c.g.) of the sign ( $W_s$ ) or post ( $W_p$ ). In fact, any distributed loading (line, surface, or body force) can be replaced by a statically equivalent force at the center of gravity (or center of pressure for wind) of the distributed loading when overall static equilibrium of the structure is evaluated using Eqs. (1-1) to (1-5).

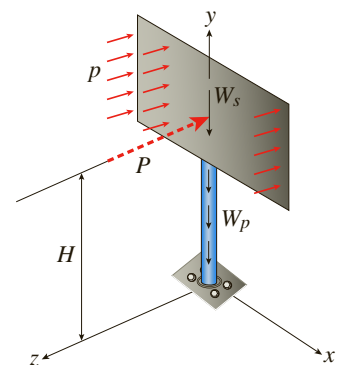
## Free-Body Diagrams

A free-body diagram (FBD) is an essential part of a static analysis of a rigid or deformable body. All forces acting on the body, or component part of the body, must be displayed on the FBD if a correct equilibrium solution is to be obtained. This includes applied forces and moments, reaction forces and moments, and any connection forces between individual components. For example, an *overall* FBD of the plane frame in Fig. 1-1 is shown in Fig. 1-3a; all applied and reaction forces are shown on this FBD and statically equivalent concentrated loads are displayed for all distributed loads. Statically equivalent forces  $F_{q_0}$ ,  $F_{q_1}$ , and  $F_{q_2}$ , each acting at the c.g. of the corresponding distributed loading, are used in the equilibrium equation solution to represent distributed loads  $q_0$ ,  $q_1$ , and  $q_2$ , respectively.

Next, the plane frame has been disassembled in Fig. 1-3b, so that *separate* FBDs can be drawn for each part of the frame, thereby exposing pin-connection forces at  $D$  ( $D_x, D_y$ ). Both FBDs must show all applied forces as well as reaction forces  $A_x$  and  $A_y$  at pin-support joint  $A$  and  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  at pin-support joint  $F$ . The forces transmitted between frame elements  $EDC$  and  $DF$  at pin connection  $D$  must be determined if the proper interaction of these two elements is to be accounted for in the static analysis.

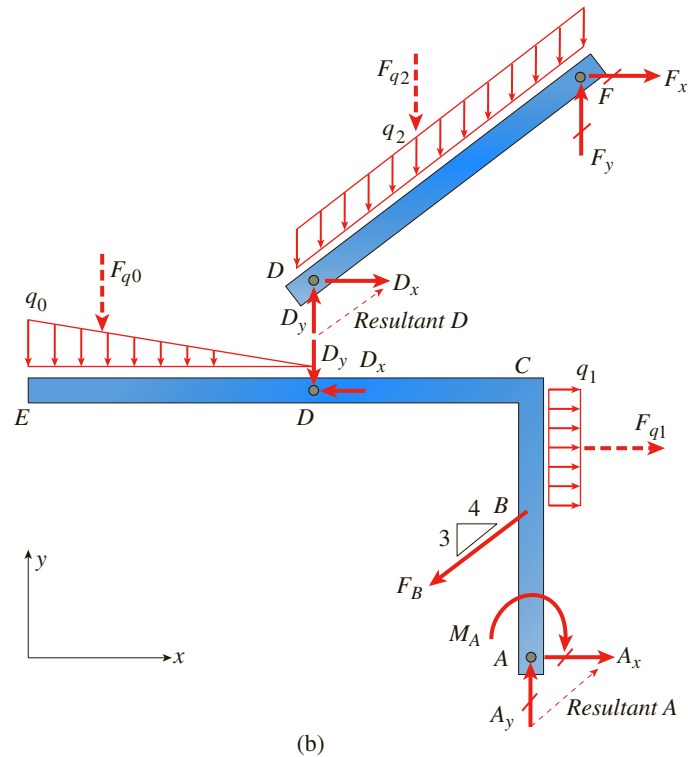
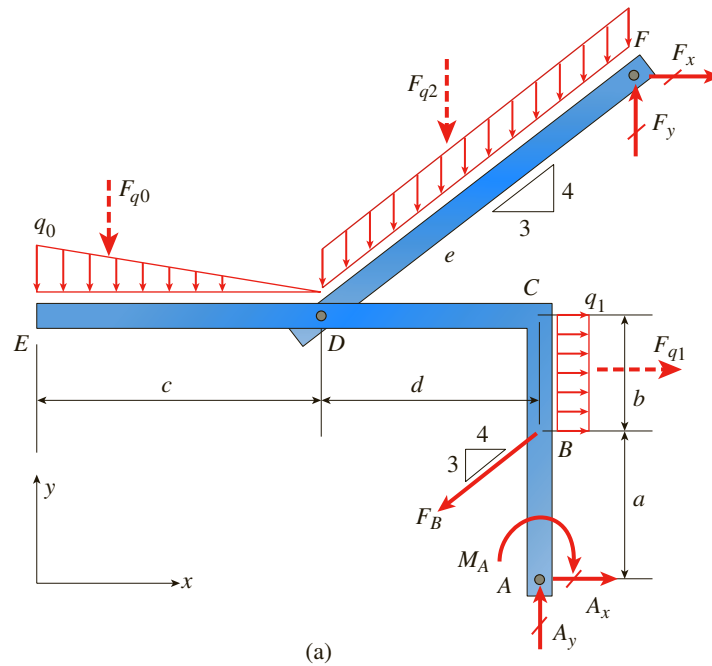
FIGURE 1-2

Wind on sign



**FIGURE 1-3**

(a) Overall FBD of plane frame structure from Fig. 1-1, and  
 (b) Separate free-body diagrams of part  $ABCDE$  and part  $DF$  of the plane frame structure in Fig. 1-1



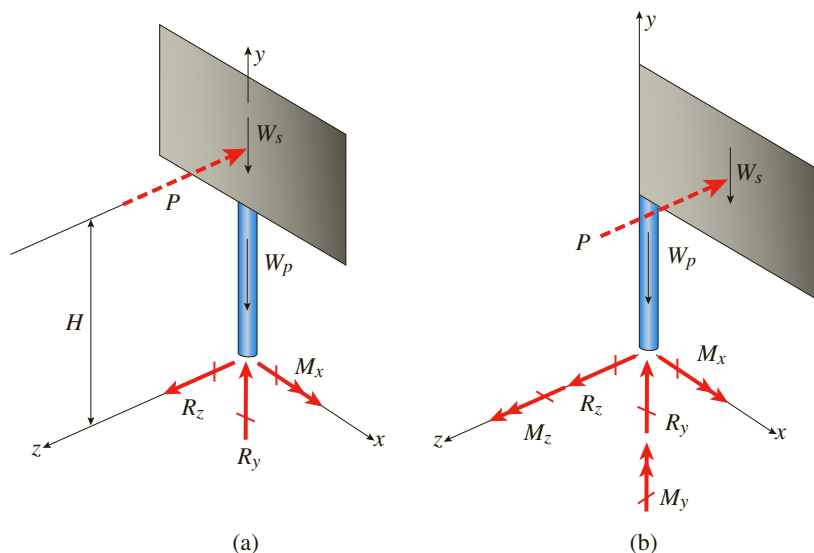
The FBDs presented in Figs. 1-3a and 1-3b are essential parts of this solution process. A *statics sign convention* is usually employed in the solution for

support reactions; forces acting in the positive directions of the coordinate axes are assumed positive, and the right-hand rule is used for moment vectors.

## Reactive Forces and Support Conditions

Proper restraint of the body or structure is essential if the equilibrium equations are to be satisfied. A sufficient number and arrangement of supports must be present to prevent rigid-body motion under the action of static forces. A reaction force at a support is represented by a single arrow with a slash drawn through it (see Fig. 1-3) while a moment restraint at a support is shown as a double-headed or curved arrow with a slash. Reaction forces and moments usually result from the action of applied forces of the types described above (i.e., concentrated, distributed, surface, and body forces).

A variety of different support conditions may be assumed depending on whether the problem is 2D or 3D. Supports  $A$  and  $F$  in the 2D plane frame structure shown in Fig. 1-1 and Fig. 1-3 are pin supports, while the base of the 3D sign structure in Fig. 1-2 may be considered to be a fixed or clamped support. Some of the most commonly used idealizations for 2D and 3D supports, as well as interconnections between members or elements of a structure, are illustrated in Table 1-1. The restraining or transmitted forces and moments associated with each type of support or connection are displayed in the third column of the table (these are not FBDs, however). The reactions forces and moments for the 3D sign structure in Fig. 1-2 are shown on the FBD in Fig. 1-4a; only reactions  $R_y$ ,  $R_z$ , and  $M_x$  are nonzero because the sign structure and wind loading are symmetric with respect to the  $y$ - $z$  plane. If the sign is eccentric to the post (Fig. 1-4b), only reaction  $R_x$  is zero for the case of wind loading in the  $-z$  direction. (See Problems 1.8-19 and 1.9-17 at the end of Chapter 1 for a more detailed examination of the reaction forces due to wind pressure acting on several sign structures similar to that shown in Fig. 1-2; forces and stresses in the base plate bolts are also computed).



**FIGURE 1-4**

(a) FBD of symmetric sign structure, and (b) FBD of eccentric sign structure

**Table 1-1**

Modeling reaction forces and support conditions in 2D or 3D static analysis

Type of support or connection

Simplified sketch of support or connection

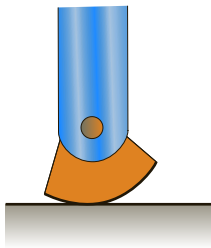
Display of restraint forces and moments, or connection forces

**1. Roller Support:** A single reaction force  $R$  is developed and is normal to the rolling surface; force  $R$  opposes motion into or away from the rolling surface. The rolling surface may be horizontal, vertical, or inclined at some angle  $\theta$ . If friction is present, then include a force  $F$  opposing the movement of the support and tangential to the rolling surface. In 3D, the roller moves in the  $x$ - $z$  plane and reaction  $R_y$  is normal to that plane.

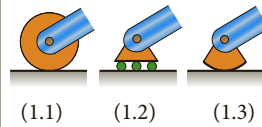
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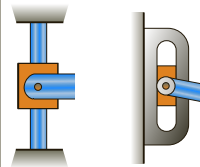
Bridge with roller support (see 1.1, 1.2)



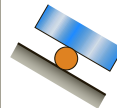
Bridge with rocker support (see 1.3)



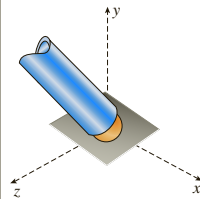
Horizontal roller support [(1.1), (1.2)]; or alternate representation as rocker support [(1.3)] Both downward and uplift motions are restrained.



Vertical roller restraints

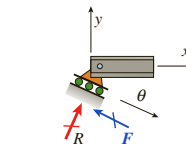
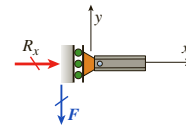
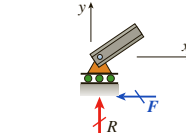


Rotated or inclined roller support

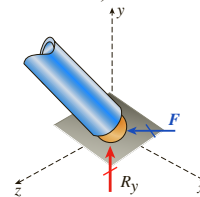


3D roller support

(a) **Two-dimensional roller support** (friction force  $F = 0$  for smooth rolling surface)

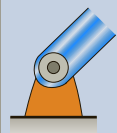


(b) **Three-dimensional roller support** (friction force  $F = 0$  for smooth rolling surface; reaction  $R_y$  acts normal to plane  $x$ - $z$  on which roller translates)



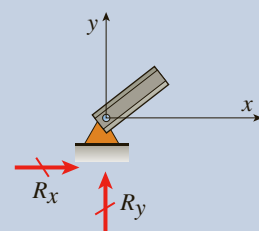
**2. Pin Support:** A single resultant force, usually shown using two rectangular components  $R_x$  and  $R_y$  in 2D but three components in 3D, resists motion in any direction normal to the pin. The pin support cannot resist moment, and the pin is free to rotate about the  $z$  axis. In 3D, the pin becomes a ball-and-socket joint or support.

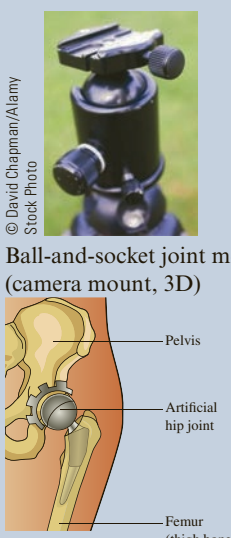
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Two-dimensional pin

(a) **Two-dimensional pin support**



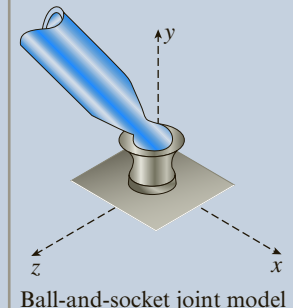


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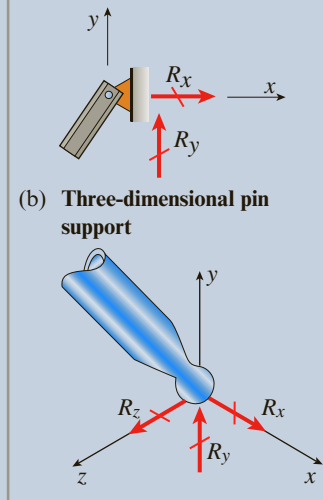
**Ball-and-socket joint model (camera mount, 3D)**

**Hip prosthesis for hip replacement**

Labels: Pelvis, Artificial hip joint, Femur (thigh bone)

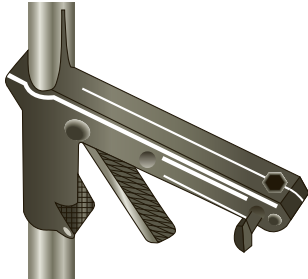


**Ball-and-socket joint model**

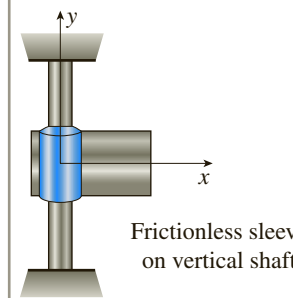


**(b) Three-dimensional pin support**

**3. Sliding Support:** A support that translates without rotation is a sliding support. Examples are a collar sliding along a sleeve or a flange moving within a slot. Reactions in 2D are a force  $R_x$  normal to the sleeve and a moment  $M_z$  representing resistance to rotation relative to the sleeve. In 3D, the sliding support translates on frictionless plane  $y$ - $z$  and reaction moment components  $M_y$  and  $M_z$  prevent rotation relative to that plane.



**Sliding support for column light stand**



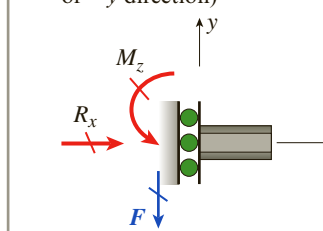
**Frictionless sleeve on vertical shaft**

**Two-dimensional sliding support**

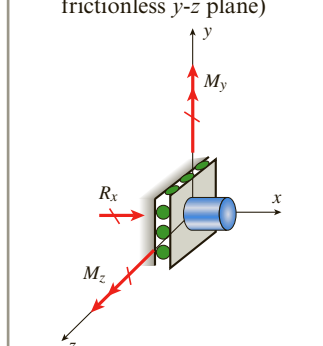
Friction  $F$  opposes motion in  $+y$  direction in 2D along sliding surface;  $F$  is zero if smooth surface is assumed.

In 3D, add restraint moment  $M_x$  to prevent rotation about  $x$  axis.

**(a) Two-dimensional sliding support**  
(support translates on frictionless path along  $+y$  or  $-y$  direction)



**(b) Three-dimensional sliding support**  
(support translates on frictionless  $y$ - $z$  plane)



(Continued)